

EXHIBIT A

Hockett, Brian W.

From: Hockett, Brian W.
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 11:24 AM
To: 'Aaron L. Hammer'
Cc: Eric Suttty; Dan Wen; Nathan E. Delman; Katie Devanney
Subject: RE: SCH -- Involuntary Fees

Mr. Ahlholm has nothing to do with the petitioning creditors' obligation to pay the fees ordered by the Bankr. D.Del. You told me "you don't have to chase them, and you'll get a check from them next week." I do not need an update from you after Mr. Ahlholm talks to the receiver because the receiver will not agree that the petitioning creditors do not need to pay the fees. I need the payment in today.

Please send wire confirmation number when payment is made.

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Thanks for the note, Brian. Jeff Ahlholm is speaking to the Receiver later today; I should have an update for you after that call.



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"Second, the Petitioning Creditors need until next week (call it Wednesday, just to be safe) to collect and transmit funds. This is happening, you don't have to chase them, and you'll get a check from them next week."

No payment was received. Please advise on status.

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That works. Standby for draft. I think we need to get Twain and NFS on board to the stipulation as well.



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On Dec 13, 2023, at 1:34 PM, Hockett, Brian W. <bhockett@thompsoncoburn.com> wrote:

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This is fine, however, my client would strongly prefer to get a wire.

Please pick a date for the brief and bounce the response/reply dates out accordingly. Prepare a stipulation on the briefing schedule, and please copy Katie on any stipulation draft.

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Brian:

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Second, the Petitioning Creditors need until next week (call it Wednesday, just to be safe) to collect and transmit funds. This is happening, you don't have to chase them, and you'll get a check from them next week.

That said, we would also like to kick the appeal briefing schedule another week, so that our brief is due next Friday. Your schedule would be kicked similarly, one week, unless you need a bit more because of the holiday.

Please let us know if the Receiver is OK with the above, we will need a stipulation of some sorts on the appeal deadlines, I think.

Available to chat by phone if you would like to talk live. 224.531.2903

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Wire Instructions in case your clients want to make the payment.

Brian

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Brian, thanks for the heads up. I thought there was a deal, what happened?

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Aaron –

My client has instructed me to collect the fees awarded in the involuntary bankruptcy case. As we discussed, I am giving you a heads up before I head down that path. Please have your client pay these by December 13, 2023, or I will be seeking enforcement of the fee award in Bankr. D.Del.

Thanks.

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